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(i) water at least 200m deep

(ii) within sight of land

(iii) outside a shipping lane

5. We should not rule out the possibility of using more than one site if this proved desirable.

6. At the same time, I should be grateful if DMS(N)/CSO could provide urgent advice about how we would go about lowering an intact submarine to the sea-bed, and then retrieving it again, the assumption being that the reactor compartment would be filled with 700 tons of concrete in order to prevent access by submersibles. Would the MOD require equipment which we do not already possess to achieve this, and what would it cost (approximately)? How much easier would it be if the reactor compartment were separated from the rest of the submarine?

7. I should be grateful for replies by noon on Wednesday, 8 February. I apologise for the rush.



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